(iii) The wheat consignment would be required to be certified to contain not more than average 100 quarantine weed seeds (as per Schedule VIII of the Plan Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, as amended) per 200 Kg. of samples drawn as per the prescribed procedure.

(iv) The wheat consignment would be required to be fumigated with Methyl Bromide @ 32 g/cu m at 21°C and above for 24 hours under normal air pressure and the treatment endorsed on the Phytosanitary Certificate or the wheat consignment would be required to be fumigated with Aluminium Phosphide for period of at least 21 days prior to arrival into India provided the ship hold has provision for post re-circulation of phosphine gas during the period of transit.

(v) Deoxynivalenol (DON) shall not be more than 2000 micro gram per Kg. for import of wheat as per amendment made in PFA Rules, 1955.

(vi) Tolerance limits in case of residues of 7 insecticides under PFA Rules, 1955 have been amended for import of wheat to align with the international standards/Codex limits.

The inspection and sampling procedure in respect of quarantine pests/ weeds has been detailed in the tender, which is in conformity with the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order 2003, as amended.

The amendments have been made to ensure wider participation of prospective bidders while at the same time ensuring that the quality of the imported wheat would not be inferior to the domestic wheat. These amendments therefore, would not adversely affect the suitability of the imported wheat from the point of view of human consumption.

Coastal afforestation

464. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a project for coastal afforestation by conservation and management of mangroves and other associate plants along Kerala coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the decision of the Centre about it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala have submitted Management Action Plans for 2006-2007 for conservation and management of mangroves of Kannur and Vembanad regions.

(c) All proposals for conservation and management of mangroves received from various State Governments are examined for grant of assistance as per the prescribed guidelines.

Settlement of Adivasis on forest land in Andhra Pradesh

465. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the proposal to settle Adivasis and Scheduled Tribes on forest land in Andhra Pradesh were submitted to Government;

(b) the action taken thereon;

(c) the number of cases still pending and the time by which the said settlement work is likely to be completed; and

(d) the number of schemes of Andhra Pradesh which are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) No proposal for regularization of pre-1980 eligible encroachments to settle Adivasis and Scheduled Tribes on forest land has been received from the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, five proposals for rehabilitation of tribals and non-tribals due to implementation of development projects have been received in the Ministry. Out of these, three proposals have been approved, one proposal has been rejected, and one proposal closed for want of requisite information.

(d) At present five proposals involving diversion of forest land are under consideration of the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, rules and guidelines.